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EDITORIAL

The University of Maine has in the past been brought before the readers of a Boston newspaper in an injurious and an unjust light. The general policies of this paper are too well known to require comment but those who read it believe its contents so the effect is not lessened. At the same time in comment of the same affair the best newspapers of New England came out with articles which were based on facts and which gave a true story of the affair. It is to be regretted that there is no way of reaching a paper of the type of the Boston "American" which will intentionally distort conditions and ignore facts and use misleading headlines simply for the purpose of selling their papers. The harm which they do cannot be estimated.

The best and most truthful version of the recent hazing episode is that given by President Aley on April 29. It is as follows:

"The faculty of the University of Maine deeply regretting the affair which has been distorted from published accounts, desires to say that the race question was not the cause of the difficulty and that colored students are welcomed at the university and well treated.

"Members of the freshman class resenting treatment received from Roger and Samuel Courtney (colored) of Boston, sophomores, determined, as they say, to repay this treatment, and visited the Courtneys' room. There was a scuffle and the Courtneys escaped, but later gave themselves up to the freshmen, who hazed them by applying molasses and feathers. Roger Courtney had previously been requested to withdraw from the university for violation of rules.

"The faculty does not condone the affair, regarding it as one extremely regrettable, but one likely to happen at any time, at any college, the gravity depending much upon the susceptibilities of the victim and the notoriety given."